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Greetings Mary Lou,

Could you pass these talking points onto the committee members.

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Committee members on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Regarding HB 4925 - Toll roads

Members,

In reading through this bill, I understand it to be a part of a package aimed at a long term solution for road repair and maintenance.

We have several concerns including control of the roads, surveillance and fund allocation.

- Allowing MDOT to enter into agreements with private entities including foreign entities.
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- Entering into long term 50 - 100 year agreements
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- Entering into agreements with no legislative involvement
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- Is this a "Design-Build-Finance" PPP?
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- Is MDOT the true author of this bill, since past reps have introduced similar legislation. Most recently, former Rep. Lee Gonzales.
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- By crafting a bill that relinquishes legislative responsibility to an independent entity, that will be creating a 'user fee' (tax) in the form of toll roads, is this not a form of **taxation without representation**?
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- With Toll roads, there will likely be the use of cameras, auto-readers and transponders being used. Given the the public disgust over Chairman Schmidt's "Red Light Camera" bill, is this yet another attempt at creating a privacy intruding means of surveillance? Given that information reserved for an officer who may pull a motorist over for similar information that will now be easily accessed at a toll both.
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- Given that toll roads can vary their rates based on the time of day, is this use of toll roads less about revenue and more about controlling driving patterns? Perhaps to encourage artificially, mass transit? could this be viewed in the public as efficiency trumping liberty?
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- Some may call for an increase in the 6% gas tax, but given that the schools are receiving a large portion of that revenue, is there not a more philosophical question at hand...rewriting the law so that the majority if not all of the tax goes towards roads and transportation? This would be what a motorist would reasonably expect anyway, correct?

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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